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AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

LONDON.—F. ALDAR, 11 & 12, Clement's Lane, Lombard Street, E.C. GEORGE STREET & Co., 30, Cornhill. GORDON & GOSCH, Ludgate Circus, E.C. BATES HENDY & Co., 37, Wallbrook, E.C. SAMUEL DRAGON & Co., 150 & 154, Leadenhall Street.

PARIS AND EUROPE.—GALLIEN & PRINCE, 36, Rue Lafayette, Paris.

NEW YORK.—ANDREW WIND, 133, Nassau Street.

AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW ZEALAND.—GORDON & GOSCH, Melbourne and Sydney.

SAN FRANCISCO AND AMERICAN PORTS generally.—BRAN & BLACK, San Francisco.

SINGAPORE, STRAITS, &c.—SAYLE & Co., Square, Singapore. C. HENNINGSEN & Co., Manila.

CHINA.—Messrs. A. A. DE MELLO & Co., Shantung, CAMPBELL & Co., Amoy, WILSON, NICHOLS & Co., Foochow, HENDER & Co., Shanghai, LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., and KELLY & WALSH, Yokohama, LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Banks.

COMPTOIR D'ESCOMPTE DE PARIS.

(Incorporated 7th & 18th March, 1848.)

RECOGNISED BY THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION OF 30th APRIL, 1862.

CAPITAL FULLY PAID-UP.....£2,000,000.

RESERVE FUND.....£800,000.

HEAD OFFICE—14, Rue de la Harpe, PARIS.

AGENCIES AND BRANCHES at:

LONDON, BOULBON, SAN FRANCISCO, MARSEILLE, BOMBAY, HONGKONG, LYONS, CALCUTTA, HANKOW, NANTES, SHANGHAI, FOOCHEW, MILBOURNE, and SYDNEY.

LONDON BANKERS:

THE BANK OF ENGLAND.

THE UNION BANK OF LONDON.

Messrs. C. J. HAMBRO & SON.

The Hongkong Agency receives Fixed Deposits on Terms to be ascertained on application, grants Drafts and Credits on all parts of the World, and transacts every description of Banking Exchange Business.

F. COCHINARD,

Agent, Hongkong.

Hongkong, February 8, 1882.

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....£1,500,000.

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.

At 3 months' notice 3% per annum.

" 6 " " " 4 " " " "

" 12 " " " " 5 " " " "

Current Accounts kept on Terms which may be learnt on application.

GEO. O. SCOTT,

Manager.

Oriental Bank Corporation,

Hongkong, September 4, 1879.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....\$5,000,000 Dollars.

RESERVE FUND.....\$2,000,000 Dollars.

COURT OF DIRECTORS.

Chairman—H. L. DAINFORTH, Esq.

Deputy Chairman—WM. REYNOLDS, Esq.

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W. S. YOUNG, Esq.

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Hongkong.....THOMAS JACKSON, Esq.

MANAGER.

Shanghai.....EWM CAMERON, Esq.

LONDON BANKERS—London and County Bank.

HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED.

ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

For Fixed Deposits:—

For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.

" 6 " " " 4 " " " "

" 12 " " " " 5 " " " "

LOCAL BILL DISCOUNTS.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON,

Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation,

No. 1, Queen's Road East.

Hongkong, March 22, 1882.

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

THE INTEREST AND RESPONSIBILITY OF MR. NESSIM ISAAC SILAS in our Firm in China and Hongkong ceased on the 31st December, 1881.

E. D. SASSOON & Co.

Hongkong, April 24, 1882.

NOTICE.

OUR BRANCH ESTABLISHMENT here is DISCONTINUED from this date.

MR. ROBERT L'YAL is authorized to act as our AGENT to receive and pay all sums due to and by us here.

GEO. SMITH & Co.

Hongkong, April 20, 1882.

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

THE INTEREST AND RESPONSIBILITY OF MR. WOO TAI in the Firm of "SHANG TAI WOO," dealer in Cotton and Opium, No. 30, Wing Lok Street, has CEASED from the 1st of May, 1882, as he has withdrawn his Principal and Interest therefrom.

We, the Undersigned, are Carrying on BUSINESS under the same Style and Firm of "SHANG TAI WOO." The Business of the said Firm will in future be Carried on Solely in the Interest of the Undersigned.

SHANG TAI WOO,

Cotton and Opium Dealer.

Hongkong, May 2, 1882.

NOTICE.

THE INTEREST AND RESPONSIBILITY OF MR. CHARLES KAHN in our Firm CEASED on the 30th April, 1882.

REISS & Co.

Hongkong, 1st May, 1882.

NOTICE.

THE INTEREST AND RESPONSIBILITY OF THE Undersigned in the Firm of Messrs. D. D. OLIA & Co., of Amoy, Foochow, Takay and Taiwan, has CEASED from the 30th of April, 1882.

E. N. MEHTA.

B. S. MEHTA.

Hongkong, May 1, 1882.

WE HAVE THIS DAY COMMENCED BUSINESS AS MERCHANTS and COMMISSION AGENTS at Amoy, Foochow, and Taiwan, under the Style and Firm of "MEHTA & Co."

E. N. MEHTA.

B. S. MEHTA.

Hongkong, May 1, 1882.

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned have been appointed SOLE AGENTS for the Sale of their GOODS by Messrs. KYNOCH & Co., of WITTON, near BIRMINGHAM.

MEYER & Co.

Hongkong, August 13, 1881.

NOTICE.

THE INTEREST AND RESPONSIBILITY OF MR. FRANCIS BLACKWELL FORBES in our Firm, CEASED on the 31st December, 1881.

RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong and China, 20th April, 1882.

NOTICE.

WE HAVE BEEN APPOINTED AGENTS for the MITSU BUSSAN KAISHA, of Tokyo, at this Port.

GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.

Hongkong, February 1, 1882.

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned has Admitted Mr. M. L. SALAMON into PARTNERSHIP from this date, and the Business in future will be Conducted under the Style of "HOLMES & SALAMON."

(Signed) GEORGE HOLMES.

Queen's Road Central,

1st May, 1882.

For Sale.

FOR SALE.

195 Fathoms SECOND-HAND TWO-INCH CABLE, suitable for Mooring.

In Lots to suit.

Apply to

WILLIAM DOLAN,

22, Praya Central.

Hongkong, May 1, 1882.

FOR SALE.

JULES MUM & Co.'s CHAMPAGNE.

Quarts.....\$17 per 1 doz. Case.

Fine Old.....\$18 per 2 doz. "

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.

Hongkong, November 1, 1881.

FOR SALE.

MESSRS W. & J. LOCKETT'S Celebrated BRANDS, THYER'S & Co.'s FINE OLD ALE, and FINE OLD PORT, in Cases of 1 dozen.

SILLERY W. & J. LOCKETT'S (V.M. & Co.) Champagne, in Cases of 2 dozen and 1 dozen Quarts.

GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.

Hongkong, February 1, 1882.

Willam Dolan, SAIL-MAKER & SHIP-CHANDLER.

22, PRAYA CENTRAL.

COTTON DUCKS, HEMP CANVAS, MANILA ROPE, AMERICAN OAKUM, FINE BUOYS, CORK JACKETS, &c., &c., &c.

Hongkong, May 1, 1882.

FOR SALE.

ABOUT 2,000 THE MILLER & RICHARD'S Extra-hard Metal BOURGEOIS TYPE, No. 19, (somewhat worn but in fairly good condition).

Apply to

Office of this Paper.

Hongkong, July 22, 1881.

For Sale.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

HAVE RECEIVED SUPPLIES OF

PEARS' TRANSPARENT WASH BALLS.

PEARS' TRANSPARENT SOAP TABLETS.

PEARS' TRANSPARENT SHAVING STICKS.

PEARS' ASSORTED SOAPS for the Bath.

FARINA'S EAU DE COLOGNE.

HENDRIE'S CHOICEST PERFUMES.

DEVOE'S NONPAREIL KEROSENE OIL.

150° test and therefore perfectly safe.

Hongkong, May 1, 1882.

To Let.

TO LET.

OFFICES in No. 13, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

Nos. 4 and 5, SEYMOUR TERRACE.

Nos. 2 and 4, PRUDEN'S HILL.

Apply to

DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.

Hongkong, May 3, 1882.

TO LET.

COMMODOUS OFFICES and COMMISSION AGENTS' QUARTERS, &c., with or without GODOWNS, in Peddar's Wharf Buildings, at present in the occupation of Messrs. HESS & Co. View of the Harbour. Possession to be had from the 1st May next.

Apply to

G. R. LAMBERT.

Hongkong, April 5, 1882.

TO LET.

(WITH IMMEDIATE POSSESSION.)

THE HOUSE known as "PARADE VILLA," ROBINSON ROAD.

For Particulars, apply to

G. R. LAMBERT,

Peddar's Wharf.

Hongkong, May 1, 1882.

GODOWN-STO LET.

PRAYA EAST AND WANGHAI ROAD.

For Particulars, apply to

SEMMSEN & Co.

Hongkong, April 26, 1882.

TO LET.

(WITH POSSESSION ON THE 1st MAY.)

THE NEW FAMILY RESIDENCE situated next to EXHIBITION on Robinson Road, replete with every convenience, TENNIS LAWN, STABLES, &c.

Also

8 FIRST-CLASS GODOWNS of all Sizes Water-side. Inspection is invited.

Apply to

SHARP, TOLLER & JOHNSON.

Hongkong, April 3, 1882.

TO LET.

THE FRONT PORTION OF PREMISES formerly occupied by the late E. CHANDEL & Co., 15, QUEEN'S ROAD. Suitable for either One or Two OFFICES or a STORE.

Apply to

HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

Hongkong, May 1, 1882.

Intimations.

NOTICE.

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

COMMENCING with the Departure of the "ANGORA" from this Port on the 9th JUNE NEXT, at Daylight, the Steamers of this Company will call at COLOMBO, instead of GALLE, as heretofore.

A. McIVER,

Superintendent.

Hongkong, April 25, 1882.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE—1881, IN LIQUIDATION.

THE LIQUIDATORS having decided to pay a FIRST DIVIDEND of \$500 per SHARE (being on account of Capital and Reserve Fund), Shareholders are hereby notified that the said Sum will be paid them on their handing their Shares CERTIFICATES to the Undersigned for Endorsement.

F. B. JOHNSON, Liquidators.

E. F. ALFORD, Liquidators.

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, 1881.

Hongkong, March 29, 1882.

TOK KEE, COAL MERCHANT.

38, WING HING LANE, HONGKONG.

KEEPS on hand for Sale all Kinds of Steam Coal, of the best quality, at moderate rates; also has always Powerful STEAM LAUNCHES for Hire at a reasonable Charge, either for special Purposes, Excursions, or Towing.

Apply to

Office of this Paper.

Hongkong, January 13, 1882.

Intimations.

SEALED TENDERS will be Received by the Undersigned on or before Noon of THURSDAY, the 11th Proximo, for the BUILDING of a STOREHOUSE at Kowloon, Measuring 100 Feet by 40 Feet, according to Specification and Conditions, which can be seen on application to the NAVAL STOREKEEPER.

The right to reject the lowest or any Tender is reserved.

E. B. JOREY,

Naval Storekeeper.

H. M.'s Naval Yard,

Hongkong, 27th April, 1882.

THE "FAR EAST."

THE ISSUES OF 1878 WANTED.

Apply at this Office.

Hongkong, October 4, 1880.

Insurances.

PRUSSIAN NATIONAL INSURANCE COMPANY, OF STETTIN.

THE Undersigned having been appointed AGENTS for the above Company, are prepared to grant INSURANCES against FIRE at Current Rates.

MEYER & Co.

Hongkong, May 19, 1881.

THE CITY OF LONDON FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

CAPITAL, £2,000,000. PAID-UP, £200,000. PAID-UP RESERVE FUND, £50,000.

THE Undersigned having been appointed AGENTS for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.

GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.

Hongkong, January 1, 1882.

THE SOUTH BRITISH FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEW ZEALAND.

CAPITAL £1,000,000 (One Million Sterling).

Unlimited Liability of Shareholders.

THE Undersigned having been appointed AGENTS for the above Company, are prepared to accept FIRE and MARINE RISKS at Current Rates, allowing usual Discounts.

GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.

Hongkong, July 1, 1881.

THE TOKIO MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE MITSU BISHI MAIL S. S. CO. having been appointed AGENTS for the above Company, the Undersigned is prepared to accept MARINE RISKS at Current Rates and usual Discounts.

H. J. H. TRIPP,

Agent, M. E. M. S. S. Co.

Hongkong, April 26, 1882.

NOTICE.

QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned are prepared to accept Risks on First Class Godowns at 1 per cent. net premium per annum.

NORTON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, May 19, 1881.

THE LONDON ASSURANCE.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER OF His Majesty King George The First, A. D. 1720.

THE Undersigned having been appointed AGENTS for the above Corporation, are prepared to grant INSURANCES as follows:—

Marine Department.

Policies at current rates, payable either here, in London or at the principal Ports of India, China and Australia.

For Sale.

MACLEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.

WILL REMOVE on 1st MAY
to their
NEW AND EXTENSIVE
PREMISES,
No. 63, Queen's Road East
(OPPOSITE THE COMMISSIONARIAT).
WHERE they have special facilities for
conducting their Town and Harbour
Business, and trust to merit a continuance
of Public Confidence and Support.

A FULL STOCK OF STORES,
WINES, &c.,
ALWAYS ON HAND, INCLUDING:

YORK HAMS.
CHRISTMAS CAKES.
TEAHOUSE'S DESSERT FRUITS.
ALMONDS AND RAISINS.
SMYRNA FIGS.

PICNIC TONGUES.
COCAOTINA.
VAN HOUTEN'S COCOA.
LIPSON'S & CO'S COCOA.
FRENCH PLUMS.

HUNTLEY & PALMER'S DISCOUNTS.
PATE DE FOIE GRAS.
MINCEMEAT.
CHOCOLATE-MENTER.
SAUSAGES.
BROWN.

ISIGNY BUTTER.
DANISH BUTTER.
BREAKFAST TONGUES.
ANCHOVIES.
ASPARAGUS.
SOUPS, &c.

WINES AND SPIRITS.

CHAMPAGNES—
HUTTENBACH'S MONOPOL & WHITE
SEAL.

VEUVE CLICQUOT PONSARDIN.
JULES MUMM & Co., pinks and quarts.

CLARETS—
CHATEAU MARGAUX.
CHATEAU LA ROSE, pinks and quarts.

CHATEAU LAFITE.
CHATEAU CRAYVE.
BREAKFAST CLARET.

SHERRIES & PORT—
SACON'S MANZANILLA & AMON-
TILLADO.

SACON'S OLD INVALID PORT
(1848).

HUNT'S PORT.

BRANDY, WHISKY, LIQUEURS, &c.—
1, 2 & 3-star HENNESSY'S BRANDY.
DISCOUNT DUTCH & Co.'s BRANDY.

FINEST OLD BOURBON WHISKY.
KIMBLE'S LL WHISKY.

ROYAL GLENDEE WHISKY.
CHATEAUBRE.
MARASCHINO.

ORANGE Bitters.
ANGOSTURA.

Boxes and ORANGE BITTERS.
&c., &c., &c.

BASS'S ALE, bottled by CAMERON and
SAUNDERS, pinks and quarts.

GUINNESS'S STOUT, bottled by E. & J.
J. BUNKE, pinks and quarts.

PILSENER BEER, in quarts.

DRAUGHT ALE and PORTER, by the
Gallon.

ALB and PORTER, in hogheads.

TOPOCAN BUTTER.
Eastern and California CHEESE.

Boiled CODFISH.
Prime HAMS and BACON.

Eagle Brand Condensed MILK.
PEACH and APPLE BUTTER.

Pickled OX-TONGUES.
Family PIG-PORK in legs and pieces.

Paragon MACKEREL in 5 lb cans.
Best Ideal SALMON in 5 lb cans.

Cutting's Dessert FRUITS in 24 lb cans.
" Assorted Canned VEGETABLES.

" Potatoes, Sausages and Sausage
MEAT.

" Stuffed PEPPERS.
Assorted PICKLES.

MINGMEAT.
COMB HONEY in Original Frames.

Richardson & Robbin's Celebrated Potted
MEATS.

Richardson & Robbin's Curried OYSTERS.
Lunch TONGUE.

McCarthy's Sugar LEMONADE.
Cham CHOWDER.

Smoked SALMON.
Green TURTLE in 24 lb cans.

&c., &c., &c.

YACHT & PICNIC SUPPLIES.

CALIFORNIA
RACKER

COMPANY'S BISCUITS in 5 lb
tins, and loose.

Alphabetical BIS-
CUITS.

Fancy Sweet Mixed
BISCUITS.

Ginger CAKES.

Soda BISCUITS.

Oyster BISCUITS.

Cracked WHEAT.

OATMEAL.

HOMINY.

CORNMEAL.

BUCKWHEAT FLOUR.

RYE MEAL.

SPECIALTY SELECTED

CIGARS.

Fine New Season's CUMSHAW TEA, in
5 and 10 catty Boxes.

BREAKFAST OONGOU @ 25 cents p. lb.

SHIPHANDLERY of every Description.

MACKINNON PEN.

LIVERMORE PEN.

LAWN TENNIS BATS.

LAWN TENNIS BALLS.

LAWN TENNIS SHOES.

Hongkong, April 15, 1882.

Mails.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.
PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.
STEAM FOR
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,
POINT DE GALLE,
ADEN, SUEZ, ISMAILIA, PORT
SAID, SYRIAN PORTS, NAPLES,
MARSEILLES, AND PORTS OF
BRAZIL, AND LA PLATA;

ALSO,
BOMBAY, MAHE, ST. DENIS, AND
PORT LOUIS.

ON THURSDAY, the 4th day of May,
1882, at Noon, the Company's S.S.
DJEEMNAH, Commandant DE BOISSEUL
BARON, with MAILS, PASSENGERS,
SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port
for the above places.
Cargo and Specie will be registered for
London as well as for Marseilles, and ac-
cepted in transit through Marseilles for the
principal places of Europe.
Shipping Orders will be granted until
Noon of 3rd May, 1882.
Cargo will be received on board until 4
p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m., on
the 3rd May, 1882. Parcels are not
to be sent on board; they must be left at
the Agency's Office.
Contents and value of Packages are re-
quired.
For further particulars, apply at the
Company's Office.
G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.

Hongkong, April 25, 1882. my4

Occidental & Oriental Steam-
Ship Company.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS
TO JAPAN, THE UNITED
STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND
SOUTH AMERICA, AND EUROPE.

THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS,
AND
ATLANTIC & OTHER CONNECTING
STEAMERS.

THE S.S. COTTU will be despatched
for San Francisco via Yokohama,
on TUESDAY, the 9th May, 1882, at
3 p.m.
Connection being made at Yokohama,
with Steamers from Shanghai and Japan
ports.

All Parcel Packages should be marked to
address in full; and must be received at
the Company's Office, until 5 p.m. the
day previous to sailing.
A Reduction of 25 % made on all
RETURN PASSENGER ORDERS ISSUED.
Consular Invoices to accompany Over-
land, Mexican, Central and South American
Cargo, should be sent to the Company's
Office, addressed to the Collector of Customs,
San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight or
Passage, apply to the Agency of the
Company, No. 50A, Queen's Road Central.
CHAS. H. HASWELL, Jr.,
Agent.

Hongkong, May 2, 1882. my5

STEAM FOR
SINGAPORE, PENANG, POINT DE
GALLE, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID,
MARTHA, GIBRALTAR, BRINDISI,
ANCONA, VENICE, PLYMOUTH,
AND LONDON.

ALSO,
BOMBAY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA, AND
AUSTRALIA.

N.B.—Cargo can be taken on through Bills
of Lading for BATAVIA, PERIAN
GULF PORTS, MARSEILLES,
TRIESTE, HAMBURG, NEW YORK
AND BOSTON.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM
NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship
GALLIOT, Captain M. DE HOMME, with
Her Majesty's Mails, will be despatched
from this Port for LONDON direct, via SUEZ
CANAL and usual Ports of Call, on
FRIDAY, the 12th May, 1882, at Daylight.
Cargo will be received on board until
Noon on the day previous.
Parcels and Specie (Gold) at the Office
until Noon on the day previous.

For further Particulars, regarding
FREIGHT and PASSAGE, apply to the
PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVI-
GATION COMPANY'S Office, Hongkong.

The Contents and Value of Packages are
required to be ascertained prior to shipment.
Shippers are particularly requested to
note the terms and conditions of the Com-
pany's Black Bills of Lading.

A. McIVER, Superintendent.
Hongkong, May 1, 1882. my12

U. S. MAIL-LINE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP
COMPANY.

THROUGH TO NEW YORK, VIA
OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND TOUCHING
AT YOKOHAMA, AND SAN FRANCISCO.

THE U. S. Mail Steamship CITY OF
TOKYO will be despatched for San
Francisco, via Yokohama, on or about
the 13th May, 1882, at 3 p.m., taking
Passengers, and Freight, for Japan, the
United States, and Europe.

Through Bills of Lading issued for trans-
portation to Yokohama and other Japan
Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and
Indian Cities of the United States, via Over-
land Railways, to Havana, Trinidad, and
Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central
and South America, by the Company's and
connecting Steamers.

Through Passage Tickets granted to
England, France, and Germany by all
trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers.
On prepaid RETURN PASSAGE TICKETS a
Reduction of 25 % is made.
Freight will be received on board until 4
p.m. on the 12th May. Parcel Packages
will be received at the office until 5 p.m.,
same day; all Parcel Packages should be
marked to address in full; value of same
is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Overland
Cargo should be sent to the Company's
Office in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the
Collector of Customs at San Francisco.
For further information as to Passage
and Freight, apply to the Agency of the
Company, No. 6, Queen's Road Central.
F. E. POSTER,
Gen. Agent for China & Japan.
Hongkong, April 22, 1882.

Insurances.

NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE
INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Underigned, AGENTS of the above
Company, are authorized to insure
against FIRE at Current Rates.

GILMAN & Co.
Hongkong, January 1, 1882.

MANCHESTER FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY OF
MANCHESTER AND LONDON.

ESTABLISHED—1824.
Capital of the Company £1,000,000 Sterling
of which is paid up £ 100,000
Reserve Fund upwards of £ 1,000,000
Annual Income £ 250,000

THE Underigned have been appointed
Agents for the above Company at
Hongkong, Canton, Foochow, Shanghai,
and Hankow, and are prepared to grant
Insurances at current rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.
Hongkong, October 15, 1868.

LANCASHIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY.

(FIRE AND LIFE)
CAPITAL—TWO MILLIONS STERLING.

THE Underigned are prepared to grant
Policies against the Risk of FIRE on
Buildings, or on Goods stored thereon, on
Goods on board Vessels, and on Hulls of
Vessels in Harbour, at the usual Terms
and Conditions.
Proposals for Life Insurances will be re-
ceived, and transmitted to the Directors
for their decision.
If required, protection will be granted on
first class Lives up to £1000 on a Single
Life.

For Rates of Premiums; forms of pro-
posals or any other information, apply to
ARNOLD, KARBURG & Co.,
Agents, Hongkong & Canton.
Hongkong, January 4, 1867.

To-day's Advertisements.

POSTPONEMENT.

THEATRE ROYAL,
CITY HALL.

UNDER THE PATRONAGE OF H. E. THE
ADMINISTRATOR.

ITALIAN OPERA COMPANY.

SIXTH PERFORMANCE
SECOND SUBSCRIPTION SERIES

Will be given on
MONDAY EVENING,
the 8th Instant.

When will be produced
"POLIUTO,"
GRAND OPERA BY DONIZETTI.

Prices of Admission:—
Dress Circle, £3.
Stalls, £2.
Pit, £1.

Tickets to be obtained at Messrs KELLY
& WALSH's, and at the Doors.

Doors open at 8.30 p.m.; Performance to
commence at 9 p.m., sharp.

Ladies unaccompanied by Gentlemen
cannot be admitted.

A. HOFMICH.
Hongkong, May 3, 1882. my9

STEAM TO NAGASAKI AND KOBE,
VIA INLAND SEA.

(Taking Cargo and Passengers for YOKO-
HAMA AND VLADIVOSTOK.)

THE S.S. SUMIDA MARU, Captain
H. HUBERT, due here on or about the
14th Instant, will be despatched as above
on FRIDAY, the 12th May, at 4 p.m.
Cargo received on board and Parcels at
the Office up to 1 p.m. of day sailing.
No Bill of Lading signed under \$2
Freight.

All Claims must be settled on board
before delivery is taken, otherwise they
will not be recognized.

RATES OF PASSAGE. Cabin Steerage.
To KOBE, £60 15s
YOKOHAMA, 75 20
" NAGASAKI, 40 10
SHANGHAI via YOKOHAMA, 120 40
" KOBE, 65 40

A REDUCTION is made on RETURN CARGO
PASSENGERS.
Cargo and Passengers for Yokohama
will be transhipped to the Shanghai Mail
Steamer at Kobe, and for Vladivostok at
Nagasaki.

For further Particulars, apply at the
Company's Office, Prince of Wales, Ground
Floor of Messrs RUSSELL & Co.

H. J. H. TRIPP,
Agent.
Hongkong, May 3, 1882. my12

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor
Owners will be Responsible for any
Debt contracted by the Officers or
Crew of the following Vessels, during
their stay in Hongkong Harbour:

AGENTS, American barque, Captain Chas.
W. BROWN—Captain.

BYZIO, German barque, Captain T. A.
ANDERSON—Captain.

CHARLES STEWART, American barque,
Capt. H. R. POWERS—Master.

GLENVIEW, British 3-m. schooner, Capt.
D. THOMSON—Captain.

J. A. BOKLAND, American barque, Capt.
J. H. KENT—Douglas Leptak & Co.

MARTHA, British barque, Capt. McPherson—Rosario & Co.

OHIO, Austrian-Hungarian steamer, Capt.
G. MAHON—Melchers & Co.

Rock Terrace, British ship, Capt. J. S.
Hutchinson—P. & O. S. N. Co.

RORY, British steamer, Captain R. Cor-
mack—Geo. Stevens & Co.

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR SHANGHAI.

The Steamship
"HONGKONG,"
Captain EVERT, will be
despatched for the above
Port TO-MORROW, the 4th Inst., at 2 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
SIEMSEN & Co.
Hongkong, May 3, 1882. my4

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.
May 3, Peking, British steamer, 954, H.
G. DREWES, Shanghai April 30, General—
SIEMSEN & Co.

May 3, Frances d'Amada, German
barque, 307, E. Hildebrand, Bangkok
March 28, General—WRIEL & Co.

May 3, Kwangtung, British steamer, 674,
M. Young, Foochow April 30, Amoy May
1, and Swatow 2, General—DOUGLAS LA-
FRANK & Co.

April 3, Rory, British steamer, 1262, R.
Cormack, Saigon April 29, Rice—Geo. R.
STEVENS & Co.

DEPARTURES.
May 3, Glenegles, for Foochow.
3, Fleur Castle, for Saigon.
3, Cassandra, for Takao and Sydney.
3, Ocean XIII, for Manila.
3, Peking, for Canton.
3, Pernambuco, for Saigon.

CLEARED.
Gustav d'Amade, for Foochow.
Agate, for Victoria (V. I.).
Hathorn, for Hallow.
Christel, for Hallow.
Sual, for Saigon.
Blackbird, for Keelung.
Thales, for Coast Ports.

PASSENGERS.
ARRIVED.
For Peking, from Shanghai, 2 Europeans,
and 6 Chinese.
For Kwangtung, from Coast Ports, Mr.
and Mrs. Ward, Mr. and Mrs. Mr. Joffies,
2 Europeans deck, and 145 Chinese.
For Rory, from Saigon, 30 Chinese.

DEPARTED.
For Cassandra, for Sydney, 2 Europeans,
and 7 Chinese.
For Ocean XIII, for Manila, 3 Euro-
peans (cabin), and 1 Chinese (deck).
For Pernambuco, for Saigon, 14 Chinese.

TO DEPART.
For Agate, for Victoria (V. I.), 281 Chi-
nese.
For Hathorn, for Hallow, 50 Chinese.
For Thales, for Coast Ports, 4 Euro-
peans, and 100 Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer Peking reports: Left
Shanghai on the 30th April at 1 a.m.
Arrived at Hongkong on the 3rd May at 4 a.m.
Had light variable winds and hazy
weather all the passage.

The British steamer Kwangtung reports:
Foochow to Amoy, had gentle N.E. winds
and rain; Amoy to Swatow, light Northerly
winds and cloudy; Swatow to port, fresh
Southerly breeze, showery and fine; clear
weather throughout the passage. In Foo-
chow: S. S. Kang-shi and Appin. In
Amoy: S. S. Hailong. In Swatow: S. S.
Tamsui, Tientsin, Danbe, Himalaya, Fyen,
Anchises, and Libra. May 1st, S. S. Fo-
ken left Amoy for Swatow. May 2nd, S. S.
Vamon left Swatow for Amoy.

The British steamer Rory reports: Left
Cape St. James at 4 p.m. on Saturday, the
29th; had light variable airs and calms to
Cape Varella, thence to port light to mo-
derate S.S.E. wind and fine weather.

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

MAILS will close:—
FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND FOOCHOW.—
For Swatow, at 11.30 a.m., on Thursday,
the 4th inst.

FOR SHANGHAI.—
For Hongkong, at 1.30 p.m. To-morrow,
the 4th inst.

FOR MANILA.—
For Enderbary, at 3.30 p.m. To-morrow,
the 4th inst.

FOR STRAITS SETTLEMENTS AND
BOMBAY.—
For Amoy, at 3.30 p.m., on Thursday,
the 4th May.

FOR NAGASAKI AND KOBE.—
For Sumida Maru, at 3.30 p.m., on Fri-
day, the 12th inst.

FOR NAGASAKI AND YOKOHAMA.—
For Sumida, at 11.30 a.m., on Saturday,
the 13th inst.

MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKER.—
The United States Mail Packet Coyote, will
be despatched on TUESDAY, the
9th May, with Mails for Japan,
San Francisco, the United States,
Canada, Honolulu, Peru, &c., which
will be closed as follows:—
2.15 P.M. Registry closes.
2.30 P.M. Postage closes, but Cor-
respondence may be posted on board
the Packet until 10 p.m. of 10 cents
extra. Postage until the time of de-
parture.

Hongkong, April 25, 1882.

MAILS BY THE BRITISH PACKER.

The Mails per British Contract Packet
Galliot will be closed on THURSDAY,
the 11th May, with Mails to and
through the United Kingdom and
Europe via Brindisi, to the Straits
Settlements, Batavia, Borneo, Ceylon,
India, Aden, Mauritius, Egypt, Malta,
and Gibraltar.

N.B.—This Packet carries no mails for the
Australian Colonies.

ROUTES OF CLOSING.

THE FRENCH MAIL.
The following hours are observed in closing
Mails, &c., by the French Contract
Packet:—
Day before departure (or Saturday if the de-
parture be on Monday).
5 P.M.—Money Order Office closes.
Post Office closes, except the
Money Box, which is always
open out of Office hours.

Day of departure.
7 A.M.—Post Office opens.
10 A.M.—Registry of Letters ceases.
Posting of all printed matter
and postage stamps.
11 A.M.—Mails closed, except for Late
Letters.

11.10 A.M.—Letters may be posted with
Late Fee of 10 cents until
11.30 A.M.—When the Post Office closes
entirely.

11.40 A.M.—Late Letters may be posted
with Late Fee of 10 cents until time of
departure.

CARGO.

Per S. S. Oceanic, sailed May 2nd.—For
Yokohama, 2,911 bags Sugar, 263 bags
Rice, and 635 pkgs. Merchandise; for San
Francisco, 16,372 bags Rice, 91 bags Sugar,
471 bags Coffee, 411 bags Beans, 635 bags
Saltpeetre, 200 bags Tobacco, 80 boxes Pre-
pared Opium, 10 chests Crude Opium, 25
cases Silk Piece Goods, 5 bales Raw Silk,
1,770 boxes Nut oil, 90 boxes Nutmegs, 25
boxes Cigars, 25 boxes Tobacco, 65 pkgs.
Tea, and 1,300 pkgs. Merchandise; for
Panama, 1,000 bags Rice, 1 box Patna
Opium, 10 pkgs. Tea, and 3 pkgs. Mer-
chandise; for Boston, 1 pkgs. Orchids; for
Callao, 5 cases Silks, and 5 pkgs. Merchan-
dise; for San Jose de Guatemala, 10 cases
Silk Piece Goods; for New York, 27 bales
Raw Silk, 10 cases Silks, and 25 pkgs.
Merchandise.

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Shipping.
Noon.—Thales leaves for Coast Ports.
Noon.—French Mail leaves for Ports of
Call and Europe.

2 p.m.—Hongkong leaves for Shanghai.
3 p.m.—Agate leaves for

A CORRESPONDENT writes.—The *Singapore Times* might well say that its extract from the *Penny Gazette* which you reproduced the other day, has an apocryphal look. Lord Ripon's renunciation of masonry and scotch from the Church of England had no connection whatever with Sir John Pope Hennessy. The causes which induced these changes have been lately set forth in a characteristic sketch of the Marquis in one of the "Society" organs. Relative to Sir John's chances of obtaining a Lieutenant-Governorship or Commissioner, they are simply nil—these appointments being the special preserve of the Indian Civil Service. To dispel any hopes that the friends of our Governor may entertain on this head, it may be well to state that the three vacant Lieutenant-Governorships—such worth £10,000 a year—have all been just filled by Civil Servants—viz., Punjab, by Sir Charles Aitchison, K.C.S.I.; North-West Provinces and Oudh, by Sir Alfred Conyns Lyall, K.C.B.; and Bengal by the Honourable Rivers Thomson, C.S.I., C.I.E. The Chief Commissioner of the Andamans and Nicobars will be shortly vacant, for which outsiders are eligible—the appointment being in the gift of the Viceroy; but a panel settlement could hardly afford scope for the exercise of Sir John Pope Hennessy's great abilities and varied talents.

An inquest was held this afternoon at the Government Civil Hospital, before the Coroner, H. E. Wodehouse, Esq., and the following gentlemen as jurors:—Messrs W. M. Morgan, F. A. C. Hahn, and E. L. Ozorio, regarding the death of Kwok Aching, married woman. The evidence given was to the effect that the deceased had had a quarrel about the cooking of some sweet potatoes with her mother-in-law on the 30th inst. (Next morning she left the house at six o'clock, and returned about eight, going to her own room. About ten o'clock the mother-in-law went to call the deceased to breakfast, but receiving no reply she entered the room, where she found the deceased lying on the bed with a bed quilt over her, and a cup containing prepared opium beside the bed. The deceased was insensible and remained in that condition until between three and four o'clock of that afternoon, when she died, although a quantity of assafetida and duck's blood, the remedy which the Chinese usually apply in a case of opium poisoning, had been given her. The father of the deceased gave it as his opinion that she had committed suicide because her husband had a concubine, but other witnesses stated that the deceased and the concubine and the other occupants of the house were on the most friendly terms. The Jury returned a verdict of *felo de se*.

When the S. S. *Anker Head* on her last voyage from Hongkong to San Francisco, with Chinese passengers, arrived at the port of destination, five of the women were ordered by the Collector to be sent back on board the *Anker Head*, as it was alleged they had been imported for immoral purposes. Writs of *habeas corpus* were taken out on behalf of the women and the hearing on these took place in the Superior Court before Judge Hunt on the morning of the 20th March. On examination, the women gave answers which seemed to be satisfactory, and the whole of the evidence looked to be in the females' favour. On the question of the genuineness of the papers, United States Attorney Teare remarked that some of the papers were improperly filled up, when Captain Roper said he did not think "Consul Mooby was to blame; and thought this fault was with his clerks, who neglected to fill up the papers correctly. It was a loose way of doing business," Judge Hunt, however, declined to make any order of release, and left the case as it stood. It will be seen from the following paragraph from the *Los Angeles* of the 23rd, that in the United States District Court the matter was finally disposed of. "The five Chinese women who were not permitted to come ashore from the ship *Anker Head*, were before Judge Hoffman of the United States District Court yesterday on a writ of *habeas corpus*. It was agreed between the attorneys in the case that the issues be submitted upon the evidence taken in the Superior Court. The District Attorney said that as there was nothing in the evidence showing the petitioners to be of bad character, he would decline to argue the case. Judge Hoffman then ordered the release of the petitioners." This proves conclusively that nothing irregular could be found in the action of the American Consul at Hongkong, who has in cases like this to perform a difficult and delicate duty.

We hear that an extensive robbery has just taken place. It appears that Messrs Gibb, Livingston & Co.'s Compadore's nephew whilst on his way up-country with the large sum of sixteen thousand dollars, was robbed of the same in the Chong Lok district which was only a short distance from its destination. It is reported that he was killed. The Mandarin is taking active measures to bring the perpetrators of this depredation to justice. —*South China Herald*.

"LA FAVORITA" AT THE CITY HALL THEATRE. If ever a "fair benedictine" had cause to be satisfied with a generous and appreciative public such as was assembled at the theatre last evening, it was Signora Silini, the accomplished contralto of the Opera Company, who at the request of many presented Donizetti's "Favorita" for her benefit night. We have not seen a larger audience

at the theatre, even when our own amateurs tread the boards. We have already criticised this opera, as sung by the different members of the Company, and last evening's representation was equally as good, if not better than the first performance of this work of Maestro Donizetti. Leonora's entrance in the second scene of the first act was not alone a signal for loud applause, but for a bombardment of bouquets, and such a reception must have nerved her to do her best. This she certainly did; all her grand arias, cavatinas, duos and trios were loudly applauded—especially the duo with the King in the third act, and the finale with Fernando. The King and Fernando have never had more fitting representatives in Hongkong than in Signori Ciochi and Vanzetti, who worked with a will to make the performance the success it was, and thanks are due them for the manner in which they both sang and acted. A word of praise to Signor Corti, who did his best with the ungrateful part of Balduccio, the Prior of the Convent of San Jago de Compostella. We should however advise him not to try opera seria—opera buffa seems to be his forte, and to pursue in this he should adhere. Signora Bertolini made the most of the part of Elena, the confidante of Donna Leonora di Guzman, and her rendering of "Doux Zephires," the welcome to Fernando in the Palace Gardens, was well sung. The grand trio from Verdi's "I Lombardi" (considered to be the finest music in the whole piece) an opera nowadays very seldom put upon the stage, was sung between the third and fourth acts. Signora Silini as Giselda; Signor Ciochi, as the Templar; and Signor Vanzetti as Elena's lover Oronte, the Crusader, were quite equal to their respective parts; and the trio was an unequalled success. This reputation of "La Favorita" was certainly one of the finest performances of the kind we have had in this Colony.

SHANGHAI RACES.

THIRD DAY, Wednesday, May 3. The weather was rainy, and great hopes were naturally placed on *Wild Dash*, as winner of the Champion Sweepstakes. Indeed, this event was set down here as a certainty for Mr Kerfoot's "Wild" stable. *Tajmahal*, however, with Bidwell up, won easily; *Wild Dash* second. So that Mr Paul is to be again congratulated upon his good fortune; while it is not to be overlooked that the first and second prizes of this race, as well as the Shanghai Stakes and the Cathay Cup on the previous days, are owned by the same two Hongkong gamblers. We may add that this last win by the game *Tajmahal* is the eighteenth race and the third Champions he has won.

The following are the results:—
THE GRAND STAKES (5 mile)—Foxhound.
GREAT NORTHERN PLATE (Seven furlongs)—*Frejus*.
MANCHESTER STAKES (1½ mile)—*Fallego*.
GRAY-SHANG-KUO CUP (1 mile)—*Sweet-brier*.
YANKEE STAKES (2½ miles)—*Driving Cloud*.
CONSOLATION CUP (One mile)—*Red Robin*.
CHAMPION SWEEPSTAKES (1½ mile)—*Tajmahal*.
GRAND NATIONAL SWEEPSTAKES—*Black Cloud*.

Law Notice.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.
Before the Hon. G. Philippo, Chief Justice.
ORIGINAL JURISDICTION, Thursday, 4th May, 10.30 a.m.—*Michael v. Ng Yow*.—Suit No. 46.—Hearing.

Police Intelligence.

(Before H. E. Wodehouse, Esq., Police Magistrate.)
Wednesday, May 3.

ATTEMPTED STABLING. Louis Lawson, an unemployed Norwegian seaman, was charged with creating a disturbance in Mr Smith's boarding house, and assaulting Henry Elmon Momen with a knife, on the 2nd instant. Henry Momen, the manager of the boarding house, said that the defendant, one of the boarders, complained to him about the food on the table yesterday evening about five o'clock. Witness said that everything was supplied, and heard no complaints from the other boarders, who expressed themselves satisfied with the food. Witness asked the defendant what he complained of, when he replied that he would not stop in the house any longer and requested witness to return him the money which he had paid for two weeks' board in advance; this was refused, and the defendant then shook his hand in the complainant's face. Complainant gave him a push, and was going away, when some one shouted to him and turning round he saw the defendant with a sheathed knife in his hand and threatening him, saying that he would fix him. The complainant, followed by the defendant, ran into a Chinese shop, where he got pushed into a corner, and where the defendant made three thrusts at him with the knife, one of which cut his waistcoat but without inflicting a wound. The defendant struck hard, but the complainant was too far out of his reach for him to make a fair thrust. Assistance was got and the defendant arrested. The defendant did not appear to the witness to be drunk.

The case was remanded until Friday, the 5th inst., in order to obtain an interpreter in Norwegian.

AN ORDER OF THE POLICE COURT IN DIFFICULTY.

Chan Atai, master carpenter, was charged, on a summons, with causing an obstruction in Queen's Road East by leaving a number of chairs and beds on the footway there on the 30th ultimo.

At the house No. 107 Queen's Road East, to serve the writ on the defendant. On the ground floor he asked a woman, whose name was not given, to go to the room where he was. He left the summons with the woman, telling her to hand it to Chan Atai when he returned. He then left the woman called him back and wanted him to take the summons away again, saying that Chan Atai was under medical treatment and unable to attend. He informed her that either a partner would have to attend, or a letter written explaining his absence. He again left the shop and was called back a second time, the woman telling him that Chan Atai wanted to see him. Going upstairs he called on the man, and hearing some one say "come in" he entered a room on the first floor where he found Mr. Thomas Ide Bowler in bed, attended by several people who were applying medicine to his eyes. Mr. Bowler asked what was wanted, and on being told, said he was Chan Atai, asking what business the officer had got there. The summons was shown him, and he said, "Are you the person who gave that to the old woman? Do you think I did not hear the old woman telling you that Chan Atai could not attend as his eyes were paining him? I shall report this matter to His Lordship the Chief Justice or the Governor for interfering in my house and on a sick person who is under Doctor's treatment, and who has strict orders not to see anyone." The officer said he had not intruded and thought there was some mistake about Chan Atai as he was not the person whom the summons was intended for, asked it back and said he would discover the proper person. Mr. Bowler refused to return the summons, and he would report the officer to the police and sent his servant girl to call a policeman. The officer then departed leaving the copy of the summons with Mr. Bowler.

Instructions were given by the Magistrate to serve a notice of hearing on Chan Atai. The case was remanded until Saturday next at ten o'clock.

The following letter was received by the Police yesterday evening without a signature:—"An English gentleman lying in bed at No. 107, Queen's Road East, dangerously ill, has been intruded upon by a process server, who, in defiance of the efforts of an aged female domestic, who informed him that her master's doctor had ordered him to be kept quiet, insisted upon serving the enclosed upon him. An officer of the court should have more discretion than to serve such a document upon any man, even a Chinaman, lying ill in bed under doctor's care."

LARCENY FROM THE PERSON.

Ng Akwai, described as a farmer, was convicted of snatching \$4 in silver from the person of Hayne Sze, lamp trimmer, while the latter was walking near the Sailors' Home yesterday afternoon. Sentence of six months' imprisonment with hard labour was imposed.

BLASTING STONE IN TOO CLOSE PROXIMITY TO A DWELLING HOUSE.

Tsang Ahn, stone-cutter, was fined \$5 for blasting stones to the danger of persons. Brother Peter, assistant Director of the West Point Reformatory, stated that the stone-cutter had been engaged for some weeks past in building up a wall, and a piece of rock was blasted so close to the complainant's house that a quantity of the debris fell on to the roof and broke it. Complaints had been made by the complainant to the defendant, but the dangerous practice was still continued.

THEFT OF A CAT.

Cheng Ahn, farmer, was sentenced to three weeks' imprisonment with hard labour for stealing a cat belonging to a shopman named Wan Aying, who resides in Stanley Street, yesterday afternoon. The shopman, who described the animal as a domestic cat, valued it at \$1.10.

Manila.

(Translated from our Manila Exchange.)
The Spanish cruiser *Valencia*, commissioned for the Philippine station, arrived at Manila on the 16th April. D. Arturo Baldassano, Spanish Consul at Singapore, and family, were passengers on board her, the object of this visit was to witness the marriage of his sister, which was to take place next Sunday.

A letter from Iloilo, dated 13th April, says that the roads presented a very lively appearance, and there is no less than 10 large vessels, all loading sugar, although the crop of this article is far from being a rich one.

On the evening of the 16th April electric light was exhibited on board the cruiser *Valencia*, which was moored in the Bay. The light illuminated not only Manila, but extended also to Cavite. This light is intended for the exploration of the coasts as well as the sites where rocks, torpedoes, &c. are supposed to exist. The *Valencia* is a sister vessel—possess the same lighting apparatus.

About \$140,000 more worth of machinery for the construction of the new port of Manila has been ordered out from France, and is expected to be delivered in about twelve months' time.

The carpenter of the steamer *Diamante*, named Achon, has been apprehended for attempting to clandestinely introduce \$100 in Spanish coins, but chopped by foreign marks.

During the first fortnight of April, there were imported into Manila \$5,208 in gold and \$12,410 in silver, both in Spanish coins.

The German frigate *Hertha*, Commander Bonnell, arrived at Manila on the 19th April, from Hongkong.

The American ship *Grande*, Capt. Jacobs, arrived at Manila, from Yokohama, on the 19th April, in ballast.

The German ship *Margarethe*, Captain Papp, arrived at Manila on the 19th April, from Manila, with sugar.

The British steamer *Forster*, Captain Brown, left Manila for Saigon, in ballast, on the 19th April.

News was received at Manila of the appointment by the committee of the Lloyds Register of British and Foreign Shipping of Mr F. H. Sawyer to be Lloyd's surveyor, which duty he is to perform during the absence of Mr W. H. Harvey.

The German frigate *Hertha*, which arrived here on the 19th April, will leave shortly; she is a training ship, and has on board a number of petty officers. She will proceed by way of the Cape, touching at Singapore and other ports in the coast of Africa.

The small steamer *Julietta* arrived at Manila on the 20th April, from Amoy, with no less than 400 passengers on board.

The following charters were reported up the 21st April:—*Isabelle*, Italian barque, for the Channel, wet sugar at \$2.15. *Zuncho*, German barque, for the Channel, wet sugar at \$2.15. *Conador*, Russian barque, for the Channel, wet sugar, private. *Laure*, German barque, for the Channel, coffee, private. *Cushman*, American barque, for Boston, dry sugar, private.

The British barque *Halls Castle*, Captain Brown, arrived at Manila from Hongkong, on the 22nd April, in ballast.

The British ship *Manila*, for Liverpool; the German ship *Donna*, for New York; and the German ship *Andromeda*, for New York; all left Manila on the 22nd April.

The American ship *Prima Donna*, Capt. Hale, from Yokohama, and the American ship *F. Ridgway*, Capt. Coll, from Kobe, arrived at Manila on the 24th April.

Canton.

2nd May.
Referring to the Postscript to my note of the 20th ultimo, it is a matter of rejoicing on the part of the friends of Dr. S. Wells Williams, that a telegram from his son, received on Sunday, reports upon his condition as "steadily improving."

China.

SHANGHAI.
(Continued.)

The trial trip of a new addition to the Chinese navy took place this morning. The vessel under notice, which is named the *Chuen ho* (great harmony) was launched from the Kiangnan Arsenal in October last, and the fitting out of the vessel has occupied the interval. She was specially built for a despatch boat, and powerful engines have been put into her for the purposes for which she is intended. Our notice must be necessarily brief, as although we received an invitation for the trial trip, and took the trouble to reach the Arsenal before seven this morning, at the last moment the order was issued by Li, the manager at the Arsenal, forbidding any foreigners, excepting the officials in the establishment to be on board. However, we can publish what we did see. The vessel is apparently a very strong built ship, and armed with five guns. The two on either side are brass guns, cast at the Arsenal some years since, and appear to be of a very primitive type. The fifth gun, is a 40-pound Armstrong, and is to be used as a bow-chaser. The crew is entirely Chinese; but we were given to understand this morning that the engines would be under the superintendence of Mr Allen, of the Arsenal. The Chinese, naturally, being present, including the Tientsin. The programme set forth was a trip down the river, and then back to Kien-lo-yuen, where she was to stay for the time being. There was a full Chinese band on board, and the ship was gallily decked with flags from stem to stern.

TIENTSIN.

(N. C. D. News.)
20th April.
For the present, at least, the Kaiping Mining Company will have to abandon the thought of increasing its output. I think that the Government will not allow it to be increased until the railway is completed. If Shansi cannot stand the competition on her old basis, then she must adopt the new or go under, leaving the fittest to survive. The Copper Mining Company is said to have ceased operations. Swindling and embezzlement have been charged upon the manager, though with how much truth, I do not know. It is thought that unless the new company is formed, nothing more will be done in this direction. It is a thousand pities that matters have come to this pass.

H. E. Hughes reached here by the *Pandora*, and the same day had an interview with the Viceroy. He went on to Peking today, in company with Mr. Holcombe. I understand that he hopes to succeed in getting some thirty or forty of the students returned to America to complete their studies. I hope he may. If he has influence enough to secure this, the young men will then be of positive service to their country, whether as private citizens or public men. But doubtless the most important object of the exchange for educating young Chinamen, would be to establish thorough educational institutions in China. I think Mr. Hughes is coming to this conclusion. Only to be a success they must be really free from Chinese supervision. That at least is my opinion.

Commodore Schultze is leaving for Chongking to see the Minister, and then to go to his first stop towards Corea. The general opinion seems to be that he will shortly proceed thither to negotiate a treaty between his own and the Korean Government. The Chinese Government is said to be urging Corea to enter into relations with foreign powers, and people say that Corea is prepared to do so. We shall doubtless hear more of this shortly.

Last night we had fine showers. Yesterday was cloudy, with light rain-fall at intervals. This afternoon the sun was oppressively hot. We must begin to look for hot weather now.

Consul Zuck, when returning to his inn from the yamen in Peking, was charged with the loss of an official business a few days ago, was reviled and had mud thrown at him by the crowd in the street. It had been arranged and fully understood by officials and people that he should be subjected to such indignities as they thought would not involve serious consequences.

PEKING.

19th April.
The Emperor's Father, the 15th Prince, who is called, and who is at the head of the foreign-dressed military here, has issued an order calling upon all the soldiers under his command to abandon opium-smoking within six months. We shall see what the effect of this ordinance will come to. If the Government of Peking can see that the Emperor's Father may succeed here, in China martial law is also stricter than civil law.

We referred a short time ago to the smuggling of opium over the city walls. The soldiers sent to apprehend the incriminated persons had a scuffle; all but one of them were placed in custody, and the Military Yamen is requested to send soldiers to guard the city and not to allow thieves or others to mount the walls at night. The numerous little houses on the wall for the time of our last war to overcome us and keep us in check and so prevent the approach of the enemy unaware, have nearly all fallen into decay. It is doubtless in these houses that the smugglers secret themselves, and at night by means of ropes, convey into the city no small quantity of spirits. If the ardent amateur is thus stealthily brought into the city we may imagine opium and perhaps other things can be treated in this manner.

In regard to the summary execution of thieves, Ting Pao-chin reports also from Szechuen that it is dangerous to postpone such affairs; that immediately upon examination on the spot, the law is to be put in force. The country is in too unsettled a state and thieves are too numerous to permit of delay and transportation to the provincial capital. The expense, the danger of escape, of scuffles with the soldiery, and the rampant character of crime necessitate the same step in that province as has been so lately memorialised for at Canton and permission granted. It is necessary however to guard against the description of the monthly chunt, Tung Shieh-ching the smuggler, and the two officials implicated having to secure a handsome bribe to have the forged memorial withdrawn and not presented to the Emperor, the plot failed of its purpose and has landed the two men in the grasp of the law. The military man was not to be frightened or cajoled into bringing these scoundrels to keep their mouths shut. Tung Shieh-ching the smuggler official in the Board of Civil Office has been banished to the frontier and the *Shieh-shi* loses his post.

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A lady in Szechuen there was a collection for the poor and destitute in Kuichow. A sum of 20,700 taels was collected, and entrusted to a respectable official of the Board of Punishment—now retired—a native of Szechuen, who had doubtless contributed towards this benevolent object, to be forwarded to the neighbouring province of Kuichow. When it reached its destination it was found almost 5,700 taels. The tender find, and an order has been issued for its apprehension. Talking of exterritoriality and freedom of trade throughout China as having been formerly possessed, I came upon an interesting and important exemption in favour of foreigners, which though not now essential to their well-being, and which has never been a distinctly declared and understood as in Section XXXIV. of the Penal Code, where it says "In all other instances of offences committed under what the laws declare to be palliating circumstances, and which are therefore not capital punishable, the offender shall be sent away to be punished by his countrymen in his own country." The last instance of the repeated thefts of jewellery in Germany by one of the attaches of the Chinese Legation as reported in newspapers would have been a case in point for the German authorities to act in like manner. We believe he was handed over to the Chinese Legation by the Minister for Foreign Affairs. We do not suppose, however, that any action will be taken against him, further perhaps than depriving him of office ever afterwards.

I find it stated in a Memorial in 1893 against the consumers of opium that among the red-haired race (a term first applied to the Dutch and afterwards to the English) the law regarding such a daily make use of opium is to assemble all of their race as spectators, while the criminal is bound to a stake and shot from a gun into the sea. Hence among the red-haired race none are found so daring as to make use of it. It would be curious and interesting to know how such an idea originated.

The Rev. W. L. Groves left Peking on the 17th. He had been well received, and has produced an excellent impression. Prof. Billington and family left also on the 17th. The Professor of Chemistry has completed his translation of the Code Napoleon, for which he received lately the decoration of the Legion of Honour from the French Government. We have not heard of having received a similar honour from the Chinese Government, but the change of the Chemistry Department during the two years' absence in furlough of M. Billington. Dr. Martin is anxiously looked for and ought to be here within a fortnight or three weeks.

The Viceroy Li is determined to go on with the K'ai-fung mines. After spending much money and time and force with no result, he has been absurd to do so. China has undertaken enough of expensive toys and after spending tens of thousands of pounds uselessly, she has been too much in the habit of giving up the concern on the eve of its success and realization. This is particularly true of many military matters.

The annual general meeting of the members of this Association was held yesterday afternoon (27th) at the offices of the Agents, Messrs Russell and Co. Mr. H. De C. Forbes, the Chairman of the Board of Directors, presided, and there were present Messrs Wm. H. Russell, J. H. Pinckvoss, G. H. Wheeler, A. J. M. Inverarity, (Directors) J. A. Ballard, J. Buchanan, B. H. Burns, E. Cameron, Septimus Daly, A. C. Hunter, Joseph J. Jones, R. G. Ogil, J. F. Redwood, J. D. Thorburn, and W. L. Tweedie, representing 602 shares.

Mr. A. W. Warr, the Auditor of the Company, read the report covering the meeting, and also the minutes of the last annual general meeting, held on 27th April, 1881, as well as the minutes of the special meeting held immediately after the last annual meeting.

The minutes of both these meetings were unanimously confirmed.

The Chairman then rose and said—The accounts and report having been in your hands for several days, with your permission, we will take them as read. There is but little to add to what is summarised in the report. From the figures before you, and comparing them with former years, you will see that the net profits earned have been largely in excess of any previous year, which is, in itself, satisfactory, when the

keen competition for business is taken into consideration, as well as the lower rates now ruling. I regret, however, that the larger business done by the association has not resulted more favourably, for though every care has been taken by our agents in the nature and class of the risks taken, the losses have been heavy. I think I may say exceptionally so, the most year having been, as you are aware, a very bad one for underwriters generally, and those that have escaped serious loss must be congratulated as having been especially fortunate. While we must expect with a larger and more extended business heavier expenses, greater risks, and consequently more frequent losses, I do not think that I am too sanguine in saying that the result of the past year's working can hardly be taken as a criterion of the per centage of loss to be expected in any year, or that we may expect in ordinary years on the same volume of business. The Directors have declared an extra dividend to shareholders of 5 per cent on the Special Reserve Fund, making 18 per cent on Capital for the year, and it is with regret that they have not been able to make a return to contributors of business. I trust, however, that the result of this year's underwriting will be such as to enable us to resume the return to our contributors, which we have been able hitherto to make, and I have every reason to believe that this will be the case, for you will be pleased to know that the business for this year, to 31st March, has been a good one. The net profits to that date, as compared with last year's working, shown an increase of about 15, 16,000, and the losses, so far as known, do not amount to the increase in the profits. With regard to the investments of the Association, you will see by reference to the accounts that we have invested in United States and Chinese Government Loans, after selling 28,100,000 Bonds at a profit of 12,747,200, the sum of 12,747,200, the market value of which is 14,448,538,10 or 16,43,938,26, more than the book value at which they figure among the assets. In conclusion, I have only to say that with reference to the proposition passed at the special meeting of April 27th, 1881, and confirmed to date, making the necessary changes in our Articles, to enable us to open a regular agency in New York, the Directors have for the time being decided not to do so. Before proposing the adoption of the accounts I shall be very glad to answer any question that may suggest themselves to shareholders.

No questions were asked.

The CHAIRMAN—Gentlemen, I now beg to propose—
That the Report of the Directors and the Accounts of the Association for the year ending December 31st, 1881, as presented, be accepted and passed.

Mr. J. H. Pinckvoss—I have much pleasure in seconding the motion.

Carried unanimously.

That Mr. H. De C. Forbes, be elected Chairman, and that Messrs W. Meyerhoff, J. H. Pinckvoss, A. J. M. Inverarity, and G. H. Wheeler, be elected Directors to serve until the next annual general meeting.

Mr. J. D. Forbes seconded.

Carried unanimously.

The CHAIRMAN next proposed and Mr. Wheeler seconded—
That Mr. Augustus White be elected Auditor to serve till the next Annual General Meeting.

Carried.

The CHAIRMAN said this concluded the business before the meeting, adding that the dividend warrant for the share payable to-day (Friday).—*N. C. D. News*.

THE JEANNETTE RELIEF EXPEDITION.

Washington, March 24.—Secretary Hunt yesterday afternoon received the following letter from Engineer Melville:

Yakutat, Jan. 10.—Sir: I have the honor to submit the following plan for the search for the missing people of both boats, also a schedule of provisions and list of outfit and other articles necessary for six months and if compelled to remain at the Lena delta for the river to freeze over before being able to return to Yakutat, the supplies will have to be duplicated by the Russian authorities at Yakutat. It may be well to state at this time that all the supplies used at Belur or Lena delta are carried on pack horses, and for deer loads for a distance of 3,000 yards, and travel from Belur to Yakutat is only practicable in the winter time; therefore it may be possible that we may be obliged to remain at or near Belur until November 18, 1882.

The search will be carried on by three parties as follows: 1. propose to establish a depot at Belur for outfit supplies. The center of operations will be at the Crossed Mountain; one party to go as far north as Sister Anke and back to Two Crosses; one party to work south half-way to Bulcour, and one party to work from Bulcour north to Two Crosses. These three parties should be able to search the whole of the country between Sister Anke and Bulcour, and in twenty days after leaving the depot, supplies. This search being completed, the depot will be moved to Gaili Contide, between Sister Anke and Zervina; one party then to follow the southern and western branches of the Lena as far as the River Alank; the second party to follow the north-western branch of the Lena and work up towards Upper Belur; the third party to work from Upper Belur, on the north-west coast, southwest to meet the second party. This will complete the search for Lieutenant De Long and Chipp as far west as Inner Alank. This being completed, I will establish a depot at Provrania, No. 6; two parties to start from Provrania, and one party to follow the coast line east and west until they reach the mouth of the country to Provrania. I will then establish a depot for Provrania at No. 18; one party to entirely encircle the southern portion of the country from No. 18—the first southeast, then north, turning southwest; then turning east, back to Provrania—two other parties to search the coast as far as Belur, and west as far as the branch leading southwest to Urdaria. I will then move the depot to Bucoff, and search all the coast line from Bucoff southeast to the right of the bay; two parties to go east from Bucoff to the coast line, and one party to work north and east to its north cape, and then back to Bucoff; the other party to work from Bucoff, and first party, both returning to Bucoff. This can be accomplished before the necessary melting of the ice of the river, before attempting to work along the coast in a boat towards the Lena River. From the position of the three boats before their separation, only fifty miles northeast of Belur, and the gale winds from the northeast, it seems the probable for the second party to be driven to the eastward of the Lena. By the advice and consent of General P. Tominoff I have hired Bucoff for a hundred rubles per month, and a Cosack Sergeant Peter Kolenkin, at fifty rubles per month. I am also to supply them with food and clothing during our absence. I have telegraphed to Mr. Sherboff, the owner of the steamer *Lena*, to detain Captain Guenbreck of the *Lena* to accompany me on the Lena delta to assist in the search. The three travelling parties will be arranged as follows: First, Past Assistant Engineer Melville and Captain Guenbreck, with Gokai, dog-sled and driver; the sled party to consist of James

H. Bartlett, first-class fireman, and the Cosack, Sergeant Kolenkin, with a dog-sled and driver. Reindeer flesh meat can be procured during the summer at the Lena delta. I will be at Belur by February 15th, and the search is to commence by March 1st, or as soon as the spring storms will permit. General P. Tominoff has guaranteed all supplies to be at Belur by February 15th. My party will leave as soon as possible, and live on such food as the country affords.

